



CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

February 2018

When: 7 p.m., Feb. 21
Where: Oakstone Academy
900 Club Dr., Westerville
Who: Geoff G
Topics: Japanese coinage

February presentation

Collecting Japanese Coins

I will talk about the coin history of Japan. How to interpret the characters of Japanese coins. I started to collect Japanese coins about 30 years ago. I bought a Dansco type album at one of the many coin shows in the 1990s. - **Geoff G**

January presentation

John R gave a fascinating presentation on Lysimachos, Alexander the Great's bodyguard who became king of Thrace after Alexander died. As part of his presentation John put together an 11-page monograph on the Looser of Strife. I've attached John's article as a Word document to this email version. If you get this newsletter by U.S. Mail and want a copy of John's presentation, drop me a line at CONA, Box 82125, Columbus, Ohio 43202 and I'll mail it to you.

Raffle

The February raffle item will be an original 1986 Prestige Proof Set. All packaging, documents intact. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 or 13 for \$10. -- **Gary**

January winners:

Door prizes: Neil R, Steve B, Kacy T and Geoff G
Raffle: Chris B

50/50: Zachary W's name was drawn, but he was not present to win. The \$37 pot rolls over.

Hilltop auction

When: Feb. 27, (5:30 p.m. lot viewing)
Where: Grove City Coin, 2655 Columbus St.

2018 speakers



Bob Evans, who was penciled in to be our March speaker, had to postpone because he's working on the gold ship project. However, he sent this photo for us to salivated over in the meantime

May: Tentative Bob C.Toned coins

June or July: Bill Bierly.In God We Trust

Speakers are needed for several months this year. It's a perfect way to share your knowledge with fellow collectors. If you need help in preparing a presentation, I'd be happy to help. -- **Gerry**

Columbus Coin Show

Back to regular site

When: Feb. 18 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Makoy Center, 5462 Center St. Hilliard.

Admission: CONA members get in free

Club auction

Send March lots to Steve B. - sbarnet5@columbus.rr.com - by Feb. 12.

Lancaster Masonic Lodge auction

Details: www.dafauction.com

From the ANA

What are you doing for National Coin week ???
It is coming up in April. Do an internet search and see what is going on. Involve a child, grandchild or youth in your plans for National Coin Week. The youth of today are the collectors of tomorrow and all of us should promote our hobby, investments and coins to the youngsters that are close to us. Remember that

first purchase you made, or the first error coin, or how about your first slab. Share the joy you had with a youngster during National Coin Week. More information on specific dates and what's available to help you coming next month. In the meantime, keep collecting and sharing your knowledge with the youth of today who are the collectors of tomorrow. -- **Bob S. Ohio District Representative for the ANA**

Ohio State Show Silent Auction

Consignment to the silent auction is open to all regular year round CONA members. A \$1.00 per lot set-up fee will be collected when the lots are surrendered which is required by the July meeting. A 10% sellers fee is assessed if the lot sells however there is no buy back fee if it does not.

The value of auction lots should range from \$10 to \$250. We do realize that gold coins will have a higher value than \$250. Remember: there is a 10 % seller's fee, so for lots valued at more than \$250, consignment should be discussed with Steve Barnett the auction committee chairperson.

The consigner is responsible for ensuring that all consignments are genuine, properly described and graded. Lots should have a minimum starting bid of \$5. For certified coins, it should be no more than the amount in the Coin Dealer Newsletter (CDN).

Members who would like to consign should turn in their list by the June meeting and it may contain up to 20 items. Please include the following information: name, phone # and/or email. The committee will select from the list and contact the consigner to arrange for the transfer of the required coins. Consignors may have the opportunity to submit additional lots if deemed appropriate by the committee.

Obituary

Orv Detrick- March 20, 1950 - Jan. 13, 2018

Cona lost a friend last month when coin dealer Orv Detrick died. Patty Cass said he was a great supporter of our show and advertised it to everyone.

Here is his obituary.

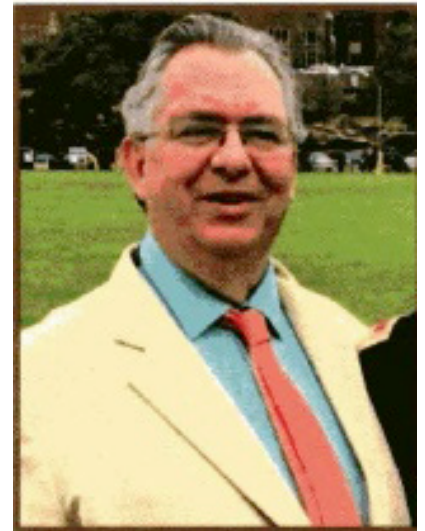
Orva H. Detrick, 67, of Springfield, Ohio, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of Jan. 13th 2018. He was born March 20th, 1950, in Springfield, Ohio, the son of the late Howard H. Detrick and Emilia (Pape) Detrick.

He grew up on old Rt. 40 and had an idyllic childhood. He helped his father raise all kinds of animals and dearly loved his dog Dash-er: told many stories of running or riding his bike for miles all over the neighborhood, playing baseball and basketball with all of his friends. At twelve

years old he started working at his father's auto parts store, Springfield Tire and Battery, doing small jobs, where he made friends with all the "Old Timers." At 18 his father passed. After a year of studying at OSU he was needed back home and returned to help run the family business with his brother and sister: Between the three of them, they worked the business together until 1997 when it was sold. Orv made hundreds of good friends and business associates throughout those years. Orv then decided to begin a second career in collecting and selling rare coins, which was a passion his entire life. He and his wife Marcia traveled extensively to work coin conventions all over the country. In 2007 Orv realized his dream and opened his own coin shop, Gold Silver & Coin, where he was active in the New Carlisle community until his passing.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Marcia D. (Koepnick) Detrick, his two sons Ryan E. Detrick (Emily), & Aaron P. Detrick (Sara), his sister Emily C Ulery (Wayne) and his brother Howard J. Detrick (Karen), numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and three beloved grandchildren Susanna Kincaid, Sebastian Edward, and Gus Henry whom he loved dearly. Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Foundation or the Pink Ribbon Girls.

A gathering of family and friends was held on Friday, January 19, 2018, from 10 am to 12 pm in the LITTLETON & RUE FUNERAL HOME. A celebration of Orv's life began at 12 pm with Reverend Kenneth Woode officiating. It has been very evident to Orv's family how much people loved and admired him. The outpouring of comments and tributes to him has helped us get through this difficult Time. He was one of a kind and there will never be another.



Show and Tell

CONA member Stephen R brought something very special to last month's meeting, a complete set of Lincoln cents that he put together, except for 13 coins, from coins that his late grandfather had accumulated. The set had this dedication at the front, which tells a dear tale.

The completion of this collection is dedicated to my grandfather William Roscoe Claar. It was made from his lifetime of sorting out his "Wheaties" from his pocket change. I remember as a child while at my grandparents' house watching my grandfather coming in the back door and pulling his change from his pocket from the day. (Back in the day that you paid for everyday items in cash) He would stand there at the kitchen counter and pull the wheats from his pocket change and drop them in the cigar box inside the cabinet. He always said that one day he would sit down and sort through all those cigar boxes full of wheats and put together his collection.

We started assembly of this collection in 1981 soon after I graduated high school and would go to my grandparents' house once a week for dinner. After dinner we would bring out a cigar box full of wheats and go at it. After about an hour or so; we both would be a bit cross eyed, only had filled 2 or 3 holes in the book and barely made a dent in the box. We both lost interest that summer in trying to complete his Wheaties book just from the sheer volume of coins to be gone through. We did not lose our interest in coins, that year I started collecting and would bring over any new additions to my collection for him to see.

In 1995 I inherited my grandfather's coin collection; well it was more like a hoard. Cigar boxes filled with wheat pennies. I had tried several times since then to make his hoard into a collection, but just like in 1981 I lost interest and they sat in my attic. Then in early 2017 I had a brain storm a way to sort through all of those wheats. Surprising once I started it went pretty quick, here we are at the end of 2017 and his collection is complete. Out of the 141 coins in the series, he was only missing 13, he really did have a collection; it was just hiding in all those cigar boxes.

As I sorted through all of Roscoe's Wheaties, all I kept thinking about, was he was the last person to touch each of these coins. It was special to have that connection with him after all of the years he's been gone. While the 13 that I had to acquire were the rarest and most expensive in the book, the ones bearing his name are the most valuable to me.

Gramp, thanks for all that you have taught me, this book is for you.

I asked Steve for a little more information and this is what he sent. His words are better than anything I could write.

More about my grandfather:

Roscoe Claar was born in 1908 and passed in 1995. He was 87

He retired from Columbus Coated Fabrics in Columbus, Ohio, in 1973 with 40 years of service. He had lived most of his life in Columbus, but was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, and was adopted and then raised as an only child.

He was an avid outdoorsman, loved working with his hands, tinkering on everything. I was the only grandchild, being raised by a single parent, his daughter; he was the driving male influence in my life. We did everything together, especially in the summertime since I was fortunate to have lived with my grandparents during the summers from age 9 to 17.

As for his coin collecting, it was mainly whatever score he made out of his pocket change. He was a factory worker and family man so even though he liked collecting he did so within his budget. There are a handful of coins that it looks like he bought in folders that I haven't really gone through yet. The only thing new that he ever bought himself was a 1957 Pontiac Star Chief, which I still have.

The 13 coins that did not come from his cigar box:

1909-S VDB	1913	1914-D
1914-S	1915-S	1917-S
1920-D	1921-S	1923-S
1925-S	1928-D	1931-S
1935-S		

First let me explain how I sorted out all of the coins in the cigar boxes. I bought several of the nuts and bolts tote cases with removable little boxes. Then I made a custom holder for those boxes with 4 rows of ten boxes in a row. I then sorted through all of the pennies sorting them down just by year; it was the only way I could get a handle on the volume. It took me almost a year to get through them. Probably averaged 3-5 hours a week?

It was really exciting to be stuck in just sorting through the forty's and fifty's and an early teen or twenty would pop out and I do remember that I hit 3 1909's in a row! That was cool, but none of them was the 1909-S VDB, disappointment! But 2 of the 3 were 1909-S!

You asked me in your email what I thought when I came across the rare dates that were here just sitting there in his pocket change. You and all of the other long time collectors out there are going to be disappointed at my answer. I was naïve at the rarity of some of these coins and how fortunate I was to have them sitting there in front of me. But I was excited for being able to fill the album as easily as I did. After I sorted them all into years, I would open a tube of a year and fill all mints for a year and then move to the next year. I thought for sure that there was going to be so much more to fill in, when I was finished.

To defend my naiveté, this was the first time that I had ever really worked on a penny set. I have a Memorial set that my grandfather and I put together one summer in the seventy's, but I have never really studied them. I have always been into quarters and half-dollars. I have a full set of Franklins and I am back to getting caught up on my Kennedy halves. The Kennedy halves were also my grandfather's fault. He always gave me Kennedy halves as gifts from as young as I can remember till Christmas of 1994. I have them all! Never spent a one! I guess I have my own hoard started, but it's organized not just stuffed into cigar boxes.

I learned more about Wheaties tracking down the 13 that I needed to finish his set then I ever knew about them beforehand. That is when I realized how wonderful it was to have this nice of a collection. It was just too bad that my grandfather never knew what he really had.

I have learned so much from the short time being in CONA. I wish that I would have found them sooner! I find that the meeting is my monthly motivator.

FYI inside one of the cigar boxes was a little brown bag that was all tattered, torn and dirty. I just thought it was a bag full of wheat pennies that had gotten thrown in without opening. It was nearly a full set of Indian Heads I am missing just 12 coins to finish that set for him. I will bring it to the meeting when it's finished. Working on it now!



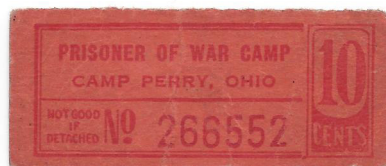
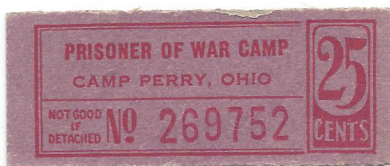
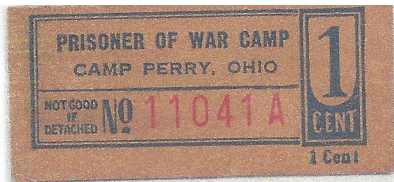
Tax hearing

Steve Petty thinks we have a better than even chance of getting the exemption. He expects a decision in a month or so.

He said, "We had a 3.5 hour hearing on the sales tax exemption before a magistrate judge for the Ohio State Board of Tax Appeals. Many thanks to Michael Gunner who represented us and to Gerry Tebben, Spence S , Geoffrey G , Bruce S and Dan C who took time off to attend and to testify before the court.

Camp Perry

If you have any World War II era scrip from Camp Perry, researcher David Seelye wants to hear from you. He writes, "I am a type collector that prefers to have an example of every serial number. Dave Frank and I are well on the way to a new comprehensive new book on the subject. I have a large hole in my collection where Camp Perry Ohio Chits should be located. I need a Chit from Camp Perry." You can contact him at davideseelye@gmail.com or call him at 585-305-4848.



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NICKEL COUNTERFEIT RING BROKEN BY U. S.

3 Responsible for \$250,-
000 Bogus Coins Seized

By The United Press

GOSHEN, N. Y., March 4 — Secret Service agents raided a lonely farm house 10 miles north of here today and arrested three men believed heads of a counterfeiting ring which has disposed of \$250,000 in bogus nickels in 18 months.

Agents broke into the farmhouse at 5:30 a. m. and arrested Louis Ehlers, 42, who said he was an auto mechanic, and George Gailie, 39, a machinist. Both said they lived in Florida, nearby village. While the agents had Ehlers and Gailie covered with pistols a third drove up to the house and was arrested. He said he was George Ehlers, 40, brother of Louis.

A model coin-making plant was found in the basement of the house. Agents said its equipment matched Government mints, including a 4½-ton hydraulic press for stamping the counterfeit nickels, a 2½-ton slug-cutting press, a two-ton slug-cutting press, lathes for dies, a gas engine power plant, a large quantity of silver and nickel and finishing materials.

Agents seized 3,000 newly counterfeited nickels and 10,000 slugs which were ready for stamping. They described the raid as the most important of its kind in 20 years.